

The HIV/AIDS and Hepatitis Section, HIV Prevention Program conducts HIV research and collects HIV testing and other prevention program data. Each quarter we share data from these initiatives in an effort to inform HIV prevention activities throughout the state.

Florida's Behavioral Intervention Providers- Year Four Data (2012)

The majority of HIV prevention behavioral interventions delivered in Florida are evidence based and have been proven to reduce sexual and drug-use risk behaviors in high-risk populations. Most of these interventions are classified as Effective Behavioral Interventions (EBIs) and can be found within the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's (CDC) DEBI/REP (Diffusion of Effective Behavioral Interventions/Replicating Effective Programs) project (www.effectiveinterventions.org). The HIV Prevention Program, within the HIV/AIDS and Hepatitis Section of the Bureau of Communicable Disease (formerly the Bureau of HIV/AIDS), through funding from the CDC, funds nearly 30 community-based organizations (CBOs) to deliver EBIs to priority populations around the state. These CBOs are funded through varying mechanisms, mostly through requests for applications (RFAs). In addition to the HIV Prevention (HP) providers, we also captured data from CBOs delivering interventions under the HIV Prevention-2 (HP-2, formerly, Closing the Gap), MSM/Transgender, and the Department of Health in Broward County RFAs. The overarching goal of all behavioral interventions implemented in Florida is to reduce HIV/STD incidence or risk behaviors and promote safer behaviors. Interventions are grouped into three categories: individual-level, group-level, and community-level.

Table 1. Number of Individuals Reached through Interventions, 2012 (HP, HP2, Broward, MSM-Trans Providers)						
Intervention	# of Individuals Completing Interventions	# of Individuals Enrolled in Interventions	Percent Completed (of individuals enrolled)	# Intended to be Reached	Percent Reached (of individuals intended to be reached)	
3MV	64	127	50%	126	51%	
BART	118	215	55%	78	151%	
Bloodlines	1454	1454	100%	420	346%	
CLEAR	4	27	15%	21	19%	
Community PROMISE	28231	28231	100%	5000	565%	
CRCS (HIV-positive)	57	84	68%	60	95%	
CRCS (HIV-negative)	47	47	100%	15	313%	
D-Up: Defend Yourself	11	11	100%	72	15%	
Healthy Relationships	435	451	96%	251	173%	
LIFE	66	87	76%	60	110%	
Mpowerment	441	441	100%	272	162%	
POL	64	77	83%	72	89%	
RAPP	2018	2018	100%	1778	113%	
RESPECT	252	267	94%	148	170%	
SISTA	311	454	69%	200	156%	
VOICES/VOCES	1340	1340	100%	586	229%	
TOTALS Individual-Level Intel	34,913	35,331 p-Level Intervention (99%	9,159	ervention (CLI)	

Over 35,000 individuals were enrolled in behavioral interventions delivered by funded HIV prevention providers, with nine interventions having a completion rate greater than 90% (Table 1). Among all interventions, the communitylevel interventions Community PROMISE, RAPP, and Mpowerment enrolled the greatest number of participants (30,690, 86.9%). The far reach of these interventions can be partly attributed to the wide dissemination of role model stories, safer sex kits, and educational materials via face-toface outreach encounters and/or virtual outreach via networking sites on the Internet. The interventions with the next highest number of participants enrolled include group-level interventions such as Bloodlines (1,454, 4.1%), VOICES/VOCES (1,340. 3.8%) and Healthy Relationships (451, 1.3%).

Of the participants enrolled in behavioral interventions delivered by CBOs (Table 2), 46.4% were multi-racial, 59.2% were Hispanic, 1.8% were HIV positive, 10% identified as men who have sex with men (MSM), and 69% were male.

Many county health departments implement one or more behavioral interventions, with an estimated 8,887 participants being enrolled during 2012. In 2012, CHDs enrolled participants in programs such as Partnership for Health (363), Interdiction Project (122), CRCS (265), RESPECT (222), VOICES (3,544) and health education/risk reduction activities (3,178) (data not shown).

There is an on-going effort to expand Florida's HIV prevention initiatives, and behavioral prevention interventions are merely one component of Florida's comprehensive high-impact prevention program. The HIV Prevention Program would like to thank all of our prevention providers for their hard work and dedication to stopping the spread of HIV and ensuring that people in their communities living with HIV/AIDS are linked to care and treatment.

Table 2. Participants Enrolled in Interventions, 2012 (HP, HP2, Broward RFA, MSM-Trans RFA Providers)						
RACE*	#(%)	HIV STATUS	#(%)			
Black	9,678 (27.4%)	HIV positive	649 (1.8%)			
White	8,645 (24.5%)	High-risk negative	34,682 (98.2%)			
Multi	16,411 (46.4%)	TOTAL	35,331			
Other	597 (1.7%)					
TOTAL	35,331	RISK GROUP**	#(%)			
		MSM	3,529 (10.0%)			
GENDER	#(%)	Heterosexual	31,802 (90.0%)			
Male	24,379 (69.0%)	TOTAL	35,331			
Female	10,920 (30.9%)					
Transgender	32 (0.09%)	ETHNICITY #(%)				
TOTAL	35,331	Hispanic	20,929 (59.2%)			
		Non-Hispanic	14,402 (40.7%)			
		TOTAL	35,331			

Note: The data used in this report were submitted in aggregate form and originated from monthly reports submitted by each prevention provider. For additional information about these HIV data, contact Mara Michniewicz, MPH, or Marlene LaLota, MPH, at (850) 245-4336, or visit our website at www.FloridaAIDS.org.